cleared by the Supreme Court shall be binding on all Courts within the territory of India.

Security Cover to Individuals

1251. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of individuals provided with security cover every year since 1991-92 on the ground of perceived threat to their lives from various militant groups;

(b) the number of cases where the threat has been perceived by official agencies as distinguished from those other cases where security has been granted at the request of the individuals themselves;

(c) the procedure for periodical review of such provisions of security arrangements; and

(d) the expenditure incurred in each year since 1991-92 for providing such security cover separately for the two categories mentioned above.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) Security is provided to individuals on the basis of perceived level of threat as per the assessment of the security agencies. Requests for security are considered by the Government and security is provided where considered necessary based on perceived level of threat. The need for security and scale of security arrangements are reviewed periodically. This is a continuing exercise. Since, the security arrangements are modified/withdrawn as warranted from time to time, the number of protectees does not remain the same during the year. It is, therefore, not possible to give any exact figure of the number of protectees in a particular year.

As at present, Delhi Police is providing security to 459 individuals.

(d) The expenditure incurred by Delhi Police for providing the security are as follws:—

Year	Expenditure
1991	Rs. 13.67 Crores
1992-93	Rs. 14.51 Crores
1993-94	Rs. 18.56 Crores
1994-95	Rs. 18.42 Crores
1995-96	Rs. 19.11 Crores
1996-97 (upto 31st Jan. 1997)	Rs. 18.65 Crores

Increase in Militancy in Jammu and Kashmir

1252. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the militancy has increased in Jammu and Kashmir considerably;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures Government propose to take to combat this menace in an effective manner especially in view of the fact that there has been a change of Government in Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) It is not correct to say that militancy has increased in Jammu and Kashmir, although efforts continue to be made by elements sponsored and supported from across the border to keep up violence in the State. The Government both at the Centre, and State levels, are maintaining a close watch on the situation and taking necessary measures on a continuing basis to see that complete and abiding peace can be brought about in the State at the earliest.

पूर्वी और पूर्वोत्तर राज्यों में उग्रवाद

1253. **श्री जनार्दन यादव:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या देश में आतंकवादियों द्वारा नागरिक मारे जा रहे हैं;

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(ख) क्या यह सच है कि नागालैंड, असम, मणिपुर, अरुणाचल प्रदेश, मेघालय, त्रिपुरा, बिहार आदि पूर्वी और पूर्वोत्तर भारत के कुछ राज्यों में उग्रवादियों का राज्य कायम है, और

(ग) अभी तक इन राज्यों में कितने लोग मारे गये तथा कितने मूल्य की सम्पत्ति बर्बाद हुई और सरकार द्वारा इस प्रकार की घटनाएं रोकने हेतु क्या उपाय किये गये हैं?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मोहम्मद मकबूल डार): (क) जी हां, श्रीमान्।

(ख) जी नहीं, श्रीमान्। पूर्वोत्तर राज्यों में उग्रवादी गुटों द्वारा व्यापारियों, आरा मिल मालिकों और सरकारी एजेन्सियों के अधिकारियों से धन एंठने की कुछ घटनाएं जानकारी में आई है।

(ग) इन राज्यों में वर्ष 1994 से अब तक मारे गए व्यक्तियों के संबंध में निम्नलिखित सूचना उपलब्ध है:—

राज्य का नाम	मारे गए व्यक्तियों की संख्या			
	1994	1995	19961997	(14.2.97 तक)
नागालैंड	136	105	192	24
असम	173	159	243	31
मणिपुर	529	410	333	51
मेघालय	4	6	7	—
त्रिपुरा	206	178	140	79
बिहार	214	270	320	—

इस अवधि के दौरान उपर्युक्त राज्यों में क्षतिग्रस्त हुई सम्पत्तियों के मूल्य के बारे में राज्यों से सूचना प्राप्त की जा ही है तथा उसे सदन के पटल पर रख दिया जाएगा।

केन्द्र सरकार ने इस खतरे से निपटने के लिए राज्यों की मदद के लिए पर्याप्त उपाय किए हैं। इनमें संबंधित राज्यों और केन्द्र सरकार की विभिन्न आसूचना और जांच एजेन्सियों के साथ सूचना का विनियम करने, आसूचना आपस में बांटने, रणनीति तैयार करने और समन्वित कार्रवाई करने के लिए बैठकें करना शामिल है। कतिपय विशेष परिस्थितियों में, कुछ राज्यों को पुलिस का आधुनिकीकरण करने और शस्त्रों की आपूर्ति करने के लिए पहले से किए गए आबंटन के अलावा, वित्तीय सहायता भी दी गई है। उग्रवाद-विरोधी अभियानों में पुलिस कर्मिकों को प्रशिक्षण देने की भी व्यवस्था की गई है।

'Bharat Ratna' Award

1254. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of 'Bharat Ratna' Awards given by the Government so far;

(b) whether it is a fact that these awards have not been given to any persons since long time;

(c) if so, since when; and

(d) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) A statement giving the names of the recipients of the award of Bharat Ratna since inception is enclosed. (*see below*)

(b) to (d) The award of Bharat Ratna has not been given to anyone since 1993 mainly because of the fact that during the previous year (1992), the constitutional validity of the award and also that of the other civilian awards of Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri was challenged in public interest litigation. The constitutional validity of the awards has since been upheld by the Supreme Court. However, as per the guidelines followed by the Government, it is not necessary that the award of Bharat Ratna should be given every year.